



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Bringhurst *et al.*

Appl. No. 09/696,982

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For: **Screening Assays for G Protein
Coupled Receptor Agonists and
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Filed concurrently herewith in the above-captioned application is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Prior to examination of the RCE on the merits, please consider the following remarks herein.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.